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SUBJECT: ALLEGED PLAN TO BASE TR-1 IN UK

REF: A) LONDON 13680 (NOTAL); B) STATE 215440 (NOTAL)

1. MOD OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD US MINISTERS ARE PLEASED
THAT THE 25 AUGUST MOD NEWS RELEASE HAS APPARENTLY
SUCCESSFULLY SQUASHED THE TROUBLE WHICH WOULD HAVE
FOLLOWED THE STANHOPE ALLEGATIONS (REF A) HAD THEY BEEN
ALLOWED TO STAND.

2. IN ANY EVENT, THE QUALITY PAPERS DID NOT GIVE

PROMINENT COVERAGE TO THE MOD STATEMENT BECAUSE DEFENSE
NEWS ON 25 AUGUST WAS TAKEN UP BY THE SHUTDOWN OF ALL
PLUTONIUM-PROCESSING FACILITIES AT ALDERMASTON AND THE
DISCOVERY OF BOMBS AT A BAOR BASE.

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3. THE TIMES PUBLISHED ON PAGE 2 (UNDER THE TITLE
"REPORT ON TR-1 BASE IN UK OFFICIALLY DENIED") A
SUMMARY OF THE MOD STATEMENT. FOR THE RECORD WE QUOTE
THE GOVERNMENT'S STATEMENT IN FULL:

QUOTE RAF GREENHAM COMMON.

THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND THE UNITED STATES
AIR FORCE WISH IT TO BE KNOWN THAT THERE IS NO TRUTH
IN THE REPORT THAT GREENHAM COMMON IS BEING CONSIDERED
AS A BASE FOR A SUCCESSOR TO THE UNITED STATES U2
RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT.

SINCE THE US CONGRESS HAS NOT YET APPROVED THE
TR1 PROJECT IT IS PREMATURE TO SPECULATE ABOUT LIKELY
OPERATING BASES. IF THESE AIRCRAFT ARE EVER DEPLOYED
TO THE UNITED KINGDOM IT WOULD BE UNLIKELY TO BE IN
NUMBERS WHICH WOULD JUSTIFY THE EXPENSE OF A SEPARATE
BASE.
NO CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN AT PRESENT BY
EITHER THE BRITISH OR UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO
CHANGING THE CURRENT STATUS OF RAF GREENHAM COMMON AS A
STANDBY BASE NOR ARE ANY MAJOR TEMPORARY DEPLOYMENTS
PLANNED THERE AT PRESENT. END QUOTE

4. MOD OFFICIALS STRESS THAT THE DENIAL OF THE STANHOPE
ALLEGATIONS RECEIVED GOOD COVERAGE IN LOCAL COMMUNITY
PAPERS AND THIS HAS HELPED TO STEM REACTIVATION OF THE
GREENHAM COMMON CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES.

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